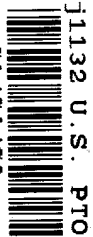


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM OF THE SAME, AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Hideyasu KARASAWA

- ☒ 42 pages of Specification/Claims 1-20/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-6; 6 sheets) are attached.  
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.

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